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SUBJECT: FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

1. EXIMBANK BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS DISPLAYING CONSIDERABLE CONCERN OVER THE EFFECTS OF CURRENT SOUTH AFRICAN UNREST ON LONGER TERM POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR SOUTH AFRICA. EXIMBANK HAS BECOME VERY CAUTIOUS IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR GUARANTEES ON LARGE LOANS OF MORE THAN FIVE YEARS. AT AUGUST 26 MEETING EXIMBANK BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECIDED TO POSTPONE ACTION ON TWO PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT APPLICATIONS FOR GUARANTEES ON 11 3/4 YEAR LOANS FILED BY GENERAL ELECTRIC AND WESTINGHOUSE WHO ARE BIDDING ON A LARGE CONTRACT TO BE AWARDED IN FEB. 1977 TO SUPPLY FOUR ELECTRICAL GENERATORS FOR THE DRAKENSBERG HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT HIGHLY CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE OF EXIMBANK ON LONG TERM GUARANTEES TO SOUTH AFRICA COULD INFLUENCE
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BANKS TO RESTRICT LOANS TO SOUTH AFRICA AND GENERATE

COMPLAINTS FROM U.S. BUSINESS FIRMS AND SAG. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO PROVIDE EXIMBANK WITH CURRENT USG VIEWS ON FUTURE PROSPECTS OF SOUTH AFRICA.

ACTION REQUESTED: THAT EMBASSY PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH A BRIEF ASSESSMENT OF THE PROSPECTS FOR STABILITY IN SOUTH AFRICA WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL IN BRIEFING EXIM-BANK BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ROBINSON

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